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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides additional penalties for the domestic violence offenses of battery of a dating partner and domestic abuse battery.

Present law (R.S. 14:34.9) provides for the crime of battery of a dating partner.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 14:34.9(L)) provides that if the present law offense of battery of a dating partner involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that if the strangulation results in serious bodily injury, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more than 50 years without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Present law (R.S. 14:34.9(N)) provides that except as provided in present law (R.S. 14:34.9(M)(2) and (P)), if the offender intentionally inflicts serious bodily injury, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than eight years.

Proposed law amends present law to add an exception for proposed law as it relates to strangulation that results in serious bodily injury.

Present law (R.S. 14:35.3) provides for the crime of domestic abuse battery.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 14:35.3(L)) provides that if the present law offense of domestic abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that if the strangulation results in serious bodily injury, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more than 50 years without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Present law (R.S. 14:35.3(N)) provides that except as provided in present law (R.S. 14:35.3(M)(2) and (P)), if the offender intentionally inflicts serious bodily injury, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than eight years.

Proposed law amends present law to add an exception for proposed law as it relates to strangulation that results in serious bodily injury.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.9(L) and (N) and 35.3(L) and (N))